
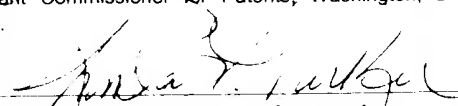


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Applicant(s): Masahiko HIROSE		Filing Date August 10, 2000		Examiner Fortuna, A	
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Invention: COMPOSITE REVERSE OSMOSIS MEMBRANE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME					
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 5, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims [A copy of the marked-up claims is provided as Appendix A]:

1.(Twice Amended) A composite reverse osmosis membrane comprising:

a porous support;

a polyamide skin layer formed on the porous support, wherein the polyamide skin layer is formed by reacting an aromatic compound having at least two reactive amino groups with a polyfunctional acid halide compound having at least two reactive groups; and

wherein the polyamide skin layer contains bromide introduced into the polyamide skin layer by treating the polyamide skin layer with a free chlorine aqueous solution containing a bromine compound, the bromide being introduced subsequent to forming the polyamide skin layer.

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